Younger Children's (K–4th Grade) Activity Sheet

This activity can be used on its own or as part of a larger reflection about Emmanuel, God with us, using the Younger Children's Lesson Plan.

Invite each child to cut out the box template.

Decorate the box (turn it over to decorate it on the side without the print/fold marks) using markers, colors, or another medium. Encourage children to think about how they would decorate a box to give to Jesus. What symbols will they include on it?

When children are finished coloring their boxes, help them fold on the noted lines, and glue/tape the boxes together.

When the boxes are put together, let the children know that when we share acts of love with others, it's just like sharing a gift with Jesus. In this season of Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, let's prepare by sharing acts of love with others.

Tell them that after each time they do an act of love for someone else between now and Christmas morning to fill out a gift tag with a picture or description of the act of love and then place it in the box. Set the box under the Christmas tree as a gift for Jesus. On Christmas, suggest that they open this gift first and read their gifts to Jesus out loud with their family.

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